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EUROPE FEDERATION UP FOR DISCUSSION

Foreign Chiefs Of Western Union To Confer In Paris TRANS-ATLANTIC PACT?

Paris, October 24.

The main subjects for discussion at the meeting of the Western Union Foreign Ministers, opening here on Monday, are now known.

To Seek Europe Federation

Paris, October 24.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, backed by official United States support, will try again this week to persuade the Western Union's Foreign Ministers that Europe must federate or perish. It was learned today.

European federation and the prospective North Atlantic Defence Pact with the United States and Canada will be the chief subjects of the regular quarterly meeting of the Western Union which starts here on Monday. The Western Union Ministers will try to speed up their efforts towards self-help, an American prerequisite for extending military aid.—United Press.

Fighting In South Korea Continues

Seoul, October 24.

Korean Army headquarters announced recapture of Posong, bitterly contested South Korea city which insurgents had held since Friday night.

The Army announcement gave no details except that Government troops entered the city at noon.

Posong was taken by the rebels after the South Korean revolt broke out on Wednesday. Loyalists remained the city on Friday, then set it that night. The revolt started in the army garrison at Yeosu, Southern port, and spread to Suncheon, and apparently the rebels fleeing that city seized Posong.

Latest Yosu reports indicated the port still was in insurgent hands. Army headquarters said on Sunday that 70 men of the 14th regiment who did not join the revolt escaped on Saturday from the Yosu peninsula to a Korean Navy ship in the harbour.

Premier Lee Bum Sik has blamed the revolt on communists aided by extreme rightists.—Associated Press.

CRASH SURVIVOR GRAVELLY ILL

Prestwick, October 23.

Mr. William Philippo, sole survivor of the 40 passengers and crew members of the Dutch K.L.M. Constellation, airliner which crashed in flames near here last Thursday, was said today to be "a little weaker and still dangerously ill."

Mr. Philippo, a Dutch citizen of New York, is in hospital here, suffering from burns and severe shock. His wife, who was flown here, was at his bedside today.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

A weak monsoon surge which is intensifying considerably later is starting off over China behind a trough lying parallel with and approaching the China coast. In the trough several small depressions have developed. An anti-cyclone over Japan is moving E. The low pressure gradient over the S. China Sea but an extensive low pressure area extends from the Philippines to the Marshall Islands.

Today's Forecast—Light or moderate NW winds at first, becoming fresh NE. Fair. Cool.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 81.4 deg. Fahr. Minimum 75.0 deg. Fahr. Sunshine 7.6 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—245.57 inches. 100 in. = 2.54 metres. Average of 244.8 mm. = 9.67 in.

Readings at 10 a.m.
Bar. at sea level 1014.4, 1014.8 mb.
Bar. at 1000 ft. 1009.0, 1009.5 mb.
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Strike Situation In France Still Tense

Paris, October 24.

Striking miners and troops jockeyed for position today in preparation for a showdown in France's three-week coal strike.

The Government threw in reinforcements of tough Colonial Infantry into critical strike areas and rushed its plans to call 40,000 men from the class of 1948 back to the colours.

The General Confederation of Labour intensified its efforts to win widespread labour support for miners by urging French industrial workers to join in flash strikes this week.

The Communist Party also threw its might behind the work movement, appealing to party members for all-out support and denouncing the Government for following directives handed down by American imperialists.

Violence is still largely confined to the coalfields in Central France where reinforcements of troops yesterday moved into action to recapture the strategic Aiguillettes coal mine at Monceau-la-Mine, 83 miles North of Lyon.

But tension continued to mount as a general strike paralysed firmly, near St. Etienne.—United Press.

Israeli Troops, Arabs Continue Hostilities In Palestine Areas

London, October 24.

Jews and Arabs were reported to be fighting it out in both North and South Palestine today.

This despite yesterday's United Nations cease fire call and only a few hours after the United Nations had shelved the Paris discussion of the problem for another week.

August 14 and the passage of convoys.

Fire On US Boat

Other Palestine talks by heads of states represented in the Arab League were being held in Amman, the Transjordan capital, this week-end.

Jamil Mardam Bey, the Syrian Prime Minister, is already there and Mahmoud Nokrashy Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, was expected tonight.

It was reported from Haifa that a Jewish guard fired on a boat from the United States destroyer, Mackenzie, stationed in Haifa Bay, as it was entering Haifa harbour today.

According to United Nations sources, the boat was not hit. General William Riley, the American chief of the United Nations observers, protested to the Israeli Government and demanded disciplinary action.—Reuter.

Chiang Jr Admits Economic Crisis

Shanghai, October 24.

The seriousness of the present economic situation in Shanghai was admitted by Major General Chiang Ching-kuo, the Deputy Economic Supervisor, in a statement to the Shanghai public last night.

He pointed out, however, that the critical situation was created entirely by the non-co-operation of the public with the Government's policy and he believed there will be a way out of the present difficulties.

He urged the people to have faith and determination in following the Government's policy to make the economic reform a success.

"In the last 10 days," he said, "the unrest was generally felt by the public on account of the

turmoil in the market. I, too, admit that the present situation is very difficult. On September 12, I told the citizens of Shanghai that the prospects for Shanghai's economic control were not very bright.

"We are now facing the difficulty we had been expecting."

General Chiang revealed that there was no shortage of stocks in the city. He described the alleged shortage as "artificial" caused entirely by "merchants' reluctance to part with their goods in anticipation of an increase in prices."

General Chiang refuted a suggestion that the lifting of the ceiling price will help to ease the situation. He said that he will be acting against his responsibility and conscience if he adopted this method even though it is the most simple way to induce a reappearance of the hidden goods.—Reuter.

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Establishment Of Penal Labour Camp Approved

Rebuilding Of Hospital Planned

Plans for rebuilding the 70-year-old Methodist Mission Hospital, at Fatshan, South West of Canton, have been made.

The rebuilding scheme will cost HK\$500,000, of which HK\$270,442 has been collected. The Methodist Missionary Society has made an appeal for donations to make up the necessary balance of HK\$229,558. The appeal follows:

"This Mission Hospital, established for 70 years on the edge of Fatshan, serves the three major tribes of Nantoi, Shunak and Sunshul with a population of more than 3,000,000. It is the only fully-equipped hospital in this area. The present 150 beds are now insufficient for the greatly increased work since the end of the war. The buildings are dangerously old. Damage in the war years when floods and white ants seriously added to the destruction, the buildings have become unsafe for patients.

"Necessity and the offer of help from the Chinese Relief Mission of the American Government prompted the rebuilding this year of the first of three main blocks called for in the final scheme. The Methodist Missionary Society, under whose auspices the hospital is run, has under the maximum grant possible from England. The plans have been drawn up by the Society's architect in London.

"The building is to be of reinforced concrete and red brick, raised on concrete piles above flood level with an open air sanatorium for tuberculosis patients on the top (4th) floor. The building, 250 feet long and 30 feet wide, will have 140 beds. It is half completed. According to present plans it can be completed by the end of the year.

"For the past year the hospital staff and a committee organized from the Church have been actively raising funds in China both privately and by public appeals. Friends of the hospital in England and in Hong Kong have also contributed. The following is a summary of the sums raised converted into Hong Kong dollars:

Sums Raised	HK\$
U.S. Government China Relief Mission	131,842
Methodist Missionary Society, London	90,000
Raised in China	21,400
Friends in Hong Kong	11,700
Friends in England	18,500
Total	HK\$270,442

"The estimated cost of the block will be HK\$500,000, thus leaving HK\$229,558 to be raised in the present appeal. A list of Hong Kong residents who have kindly consented to act as sponsors and further details both of the work of the hospital and of the proposed scheme are obtainable from pamphlets which have been prepared.

"The Reverend Messrs. F. Elson and W. G. B. Ream and Dr. J. R. Rose, Superintendent of the Hospital, will be in Hong Kong for the next few weeks engaged on this appeal supported by a Committee of Chinese gentlemen. Their Headquarters will be the Sallors and Soldiers' Home, 22 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong.

"Twenty-five years ago the residents of Hong Kong contributed towards the building of one block of wards—the Hong Kong wards—which is now the only block of the present hospital not condemned for demolition. It is hoped that they will again make their contribution towards the present scheme in order that the very valuable heavy equipment given by the British Red Cross, UNRRA and other agencies may be worthily housed and that the work of the hospital may be maintained in the large and thickly populated area which it serves.

Cheques should be made out to

Establishment of a Penal Labour Camp in Hong Kong has been approved in principle by Government, according to the 1947-48 annual report of the Commissioner of Prisons.

Suitable sites for the camp are under consideration. It is proposed to accommodate between 500 and 700 short-sentence prisoners to be employed at unskilled work on development or reclamation works.

The Commissioner's report added that the partially demolished Victoria Gaol, parts of which are used as a Remand Home, is being rehabilitated. When completed, there will be accommodation for 500 prisoners. They will be remand cases awaiting trial, debtors, deportees and short-sentence prisoners up to maximum capacity.

Temporary remedies to cope with the increasing prison population of Hong Kong will not effectively meet the existing situation and make no allowance for the future growth of the prison population, said the Commissioner.

The Solution

He added that the solution to the growing prison population—progressively increasing at the rate of 1,000 a year—is legislative provision of alternative places of imprisonment for the hawking-without-a-licence class of offender.

Commenting on Stanley Prison, the Commissioner said that while, architecturally, it is probably the best in the Colonial Empire, it should be restricted administratively to use as a Convict Prison for no more than 1,000 prisoners.

The average daily prison population last year was more than 2,000.

"From the day Stanley Prison was opened in 1937, the mere accommodation has been inadequate, said the Commissioner. He added that on completion of the transfer of all male prisoners to Stanley after the prison was opened, the master stood at 2,215, in November 1937, it had reached 2,738, and by December 1938, it was 2,908.

The prison was built with single cellular accommodation for 1,578 prisoners, exclusive of the hospital and punishment blocks.

No Provision

He said that no provision was made for classification of prisoners although Stanley Prison was intended to house and presume

Hard Labour Verdicts In HK Said A Farce

Any sentence of imprisonment with hard labour in Hong Kong is a farce, reports the Commissioner of Prisons, Mr. W. Shillingford in his 1947-48 annual report.

He added that to find work for masses of unskilled prisoners has become

finding employment for prisoners, he said, is one of the most difficult problems of the prison authorities, particularly at Stanley because of the increasing prison population.

He added that given sufficient orders the workshops in the prison can absorb only 800 prisoners. "Other Government departments are extremely reluctant to place any orders with the prison. Consequently, there has been no basis on which to build up a regular industrial programme," reported Mr. Shillingford.

A Nightmare

In the meantime, he added, all sorts of odd jobs are done by such skilled and semi-skilled prisoners as are available.

"Provision of work for masses of unskilled prisoners has become a nightmare as apart from the usual domestic and sanitary parties there is only a garden of about three acres of very poor soil on which to employ them regularly.

The Commissioner said that the only real "hard labour" devolves on the staff in finding sufficient employment for prisoners as will prevent complete idleness. He added that an average of 100 prisoners is employed daily levelling a nearby hillside to the West of Stanley Prison and using the soil and rock for reclaiming an area from the sea with the object of forming a playground to the East of the prison.

Tasks are not given because, as a choice of two evils, he considers it better for a prisoner to do a job slowly and make it last rather than to do it quickly and then be idle for a long time.

Because of this much unnecessary cleaning of pots, pans and premises is done to prevent complete idleness for other unskilled prisoners.

No system of extra-mural labour in lieu of imprisonment is in force in Hong Kong. The Commissioner of Prisons said that it is considered "that any such scheme could be successfully operated in the Colony."

Snake At St. John's Cathedral



While a service was in progress at St. John's Cathedral yesterday morning, a seven-foot python crawled into the compound and coiled itself under the altar. It was then seen by a church-goer who, with the assistance of a policeman, killed it with a stick.

CORRESPONDENCE

On Palestine

Sir—Your issue of last Sunday with the headlines running "PALESTINE: WHAT IS THE TRUTH?" written by a "Special Correspondent" is not only misleading the public, but is also far away from the fact which is in existence at present. I am in no way an authority in the near East issue, but one is sure that if your correspondent is a "special" one, then he should have a thorough education of history of the past few years, but not to mislead the public as such.

I take the opportunity to quote certainly one of the world known Newspapers which impartially is known the world over—"THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN" and the weekly widely read "NEWS REVIEW". I think it is only fair that your readers should be well informed after such tendentious deluding statement to get also the news from other points of view.

The "News Review" on July 20, 1948 issue is writing as follows:—

ISRAEL. From Tel Aviv, capital of the young State of Israel, "News Review" Correspondent Maurice Fagance, this week sent the following portrait of a new State:—

"The birth of a Nation and there can be no doubt that that the State of Israel has been duly delivered is not quite the matter of fevered imaginations and Geytshing Adversities; this young State of film epic lead to you to expect."

One visit parliamentary sittings is something resembling an English village school-room, excepting portentously world shattering debates.

The Minister from whom you expect an interview which will set the world alight turns out to be harassed as if he were a local council chairman on the day when every bridge has chosen to crash, every river to get stopped, and the water supply to fail.

Yet behind all this there is dual planning: both for existence and for the building up of a new State. The first of these tasks have been miraculously successful, as the defeat of all Arab Army comes proves.

I can scarcely believe that only months ago the waiters who were serving the coffee during the day were going to the top at night. The latest mobile column I saw was equal to anything I found in the British or American Armies.

Their military ability was of the highest order, and their moral second to none.

Israel has drawn up a Four Year Plan to get itself through the most difficult period economically—the first four years. Its economic experts say when the country becomes "static", that is, when the bulk of immigration policy completed, it should be more than self-supporting.

Industry will have to be improved and the capacity of the country widened to make this possible. Regarded as a productive investment, this will cost other £220,000,000. But it is believed that it will raise the living standard of all Jews and Arabs in the new State among the highest in the world.

The Arab living standard in Palestine when fighting began, was halfway between that of the Jews and that of the Arabs in the surrounding countries. Much of this money, he spent in Britain where hundreds of miles of irrigation pipes and hundreds of diesel engines and pumps are already in order.

A leading irrigation expert told me that British firms are preferred.

Before going further, may I indulge on one more point: could your "Special Correspondent" do so many graves of Arabs as he can find Jews lying near to the battlefield of Al Aaleman, Gendar, and other Abbasid field, or in Italy, in France, and at least in "The Battle of Bulge"?

There will be very little Arabs graves from Palestine, not to say from other Arab countries. For instance, Egypt, where King Farouk was forced on a point of marshalling tanks to appoint a Premier Minister, who was a little pro Allied during the critical 1942 Al Aaleman battle. There was a mass of Hagana men about 40,000 led by Col. Kisch D.S.O. who were killed in this battle. There were also Hagana men with the world best-trained men with "The British Commandos". You could meet them at Hong Kong in 1945.

Well, I think that it would be also necessary to know about how the other British Newspaper Correspondents look at the "Arab issue". However, I believe that the "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN" is more an authority than I or your "Special Correspondent", whose indefinite shortcomings are surely insufficient to enlighten your readers in the case of Palestine.

For the "September 20" weekly edition of "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN" under the heading "Comment and Criticism":—

"THE ARAB LEAGUE". The Arab League looks like breaking up any day now. There is no longer any pretence of a common policy toward Palestine and, there never was a common policy on anything else. A so-called "Provisional Government for Palestine" has been put together in Cairo by the Egyptians and the friends of Mufti, and some slightly Arab notables from various parts of Palestine have been invited to meet tomorrow to launch it at Gaza, an inevitable choice, as this is the only place of any size in Palestine which Egyptian army was able to occupy. Naturally this "Government" (which has about as much hold over the country as that of General Markos over Greece) does not command itself to King Abdullah, whose troops have done most of the fighting there has been on the Arab side and now occupy by far the greater part of Palestine and according to reports from Cairo, he has lost no time in making his objections known. More interesting is the news that the Prime Minister of Iraq is visiting him at his capital to discuss their attitude towards Gaza. If Iraq and Transjordan agree on this, the right of the "Provisional Government" will not run far beyond the Egyptian As League, no one will shed any tears, except the British Foreign Office, which has always hoped to see it some day to pull itself and the sprawling Middle Eastern countries together into some sort of organic unity. Washington has long been sceptical about the possibility of the League. London has continued to hope for the best. The time has surely come to think of an alternative way of approach to the Middle East.

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Palaces For Parasites. Sir,—and it is worth a thought that a number of those palatial flats will most probably be occupied by officials of the Income Tax Department whose main function would now appear to be to squeeze enough out of the poor wretched unrepresented unemployed involuntary and tyrannical taxpayers to maintain themselves and their fellow bureaucrats in sybaritic luxury.

This pampering of the privileged few, the bureaucrats and officials, is, of course, a well-known corollary to the getting up of any and all forms of Dictatorship.

It is also noteworthy that Government officials in Hong Kong are invariably referred to as "Government Servants" and not as in a Democracy would expect them to be "Public Servants".

Are we going to accept this flagrant example of irresponsible expenditure of public funds without protest or are we going to insist on a little of this much vaunted but little in evidence, Democracy—the rule of the people by the people for the people—for the promise of which we have already fought two wars.

Wake up, my children, wake up—search your memories and consult your history books.

The writing on the wall is very clear and concise—the very least of the future unpleasantness to which you are inevitably doomed is an increase in the "Standard Rate".

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Tug Of War. Sir,—Much to the public chagrin, we are treated to a tug-of-war between the Drivers' Union and the Taxi Companies over the drivers' strike, now over a month's duration.

In this kind of strength, there is a pretty near equal and in these hillsides should apply immediately in writing to the above signed.

At the outset the Union was precipitate to order "go slow" tactics. As a crude form of exasperation perpetrated at their expense, the owners readily saw through. Naturally this gave them full justification for withdrawing their vehicles from the roads. Judged thus, who is to blame? If a strike must be called as an emphatic way of protest, arbitrary measures should be discouraged. When this limit has been exceeded, it is bound to place in jeopardy the very cause for which the strike is called; further, the resort to any ultra vires acts would go far to alienate public sympathy.

It requires more than ordinary tact and a sincere spirit on both sides to iron out differences. Anything less than a compromise attitude only tends to widen the rift.

Are there leaders among both sides who can sublimely rise to the occasion to find a most acceptable solution to a situation which has admittedly inconvenienced the public for so long?

S. L. S.

New Minister Due Next Month

The Reverend Mr. G. N. Stevenson, new minister to the Hong Kong Union Church, is due to arrive here next month by the S. Glenage.

Mr. Stevenson was born at Drummore in 1914. Educated at Stranraer High School, he later graduated from the Glasgow University where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree. His theological training was undertaken at Trinity College, Glasgow.

While still a student, he was assistant Minister at Springburnhill Parish Church, a busy industrial parish in the City. He was licensed in Glasgow Cathedral, 1940. For 18 months he was Assistant Minister in Dumbarton Parish until he was called to the parish of Inverleven in Speyside. During the war, he volunteered for service in the Royal Navy, first on home basis, and later on the staff of Commander-in-Chief, Germany.

Later, he was posted to 3rd Commando Brigade, and was drafted to the Far East.

Mr. Stevenson is well-known in Hong Kong and was, for a time, the Superintendent Minister of the Church to which he has now accepted a call.

COOLIE INJURED

Fatal injuries were sustained by a coolie, Siu Chau-ming, 22, who fell from the rear of lorry 6111 as it started to move away from the Morrison Hill quarry at about 11.30 a.m. yesterday.

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ONE PAIR second hand Opera Glasses—Stating price. Apply Box 649 "China Mail".

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MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

From and including the 1st of November, 1948, owners and masters of all vessels under 200 tons nett are hereby notified that cargoes for China may only be loaded at Tai Po and two points in Victoria Harbour, to wit, the area around the Chinese Maritime Customs Hulk off the eastern arm of the Yau-nai Typhoon Shelter and the area around the China Merchants' Wharf at West Point. The exact extent of these areas can be seen on a map on view in the Marine Department.

2. All vessels in excess of 200 tons nett may only load cargoes for China within the limits of Victoria Harbour.

3. Authority is hereby given for vessels to load dangerous goods only in the Dangerous Goods Anchorage.

4. Owners and masters of all vessels under 200 tons nett are warned that on arrival at the Chinese port to which they have cleared, they must have their books "stamped" by the Chinese Maritime Customs as evidence that they have in fact proceeded to the port for which clearance had been obtained in Hong Kong.

5. Chinese Custom Duties, may, at the option of the shipper be paid or assessed in advance of loading at points adjacent to the loading areas in Victoria Harbour as specified above. Such cargo for which duty has been assessed or paid will be tallied into the vessel by the Chinese Maritime Customs.

J. JOLLY,

Director of Marine

Marine Department,
Hong Kong, October 23, 1948.

POLICE NOTICE

On Thursday the 19.10.48 at 1.30 p.m. approx at Thompson Road, Wanchai outside house No. 100, a Chinese Boy age 3 years was knocked down by a saloon type motor car, and sustained serious internal injuries.

The vehicle was travelling along Thompson Road in a westerly direction and failed to stop.

Will the driver of the vehicle, or any person who witnessed the accident, please communicate with the nearest Police Station.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
Hong Kong, October 20, 1948.

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POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited for the position of cemetery caretaker for the Imperial War Graves Commission at a salary of \$350 per month plus an accommodation allowance of \$75 p.m. until quarters can be provided, at Sai Wan. Travelling allowance, leave etc. will be at the Commission's usual rates.

Applicants should be active but not under 40 years of age and some knowledge of horticulture and of elementary building maintenance would be regarded as additional qualifications for the post.

For further particulars apply to the Secretary, Urban Council to whom all applications giving full particulars of age and experience should be forwarded before 31st October, 1948.

Ex-R.N.V.R. OFFICERS.

It is proposed to investigate the possibility of forming an R.N.V.R. Club in Hong Kong.

In order to ascertain the degree of support such a Club may have, will those interested please forward their names and addresses to Room 122, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building.

Should sufficient interest be shown it is intended to call a meeting early in November.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Ninth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, November 6, 1948, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, October 28, 1948.

By Order,
S. A. Sleep,
Actg. Secretary.

ART EXHIBITION

Paintings in Water Colour by Mr. D. R. Bland to be held in St. John Hall, Monday 25th Oct. from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday 26th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday 27th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission Free.

KCC Lose To Defence Corps At Lawn Bowls

In a return game at Cox's Road yesterday, the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps beat the Kowloon Cricket Club by 25 shots, and so avenged their 15-shot defeat on June 13.

The best match was that between A. E. P. Guest and A. L. G. Eastman on the fifth line. So evenly were the two rinks matched that the result was undecided until the last head, when a two gave the KCC skip the narrow victory of 18 to 14 shots. Jock McKelvie of the Volunteers proved much too good for Chas. S. Rosset, while E. C. Fincher confined R. Morrison to scoring on only six heads on the last line.

Frankie Goodwin, who went down to W. C. Simpson by eight shots to 25, was able to score on only five heads. In the first game, the KCC won on three rinks out of five with an aggregate of 15 shots. The results at that game were: F. Goodwin versus J. McKelvie (25-13), C. S. Rosset v. R. Morrison (20-20), E. C. Fincher v. L. Sykes (24-21), T. Lock v. W. C. Simpson (21-10), and T. Madar v. J. C. Remedios (10-21).

Yesterday's results were: K.C.C. H.K.V.D.C.
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The draw for the Open Singles Semi-Finals, to be played at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, is as follows:—
C. Sykes v. J. A. da Luz at the C.C.C. Empire; U. M. Omar v. C. S. Rosset v. K. M. Omar at the Revere; Umpire: J. E. Noronha.

The Finals of the Open Singles and Open Pairs Championship will be played on Saturday, October 30. The time and green will be announced later.

International

Portugal will meet India in the preliminary round of the International Competition at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, October 31.

Open Pairs Semi-Final

A very fine game was seen at Austin Road yesterday when C.

Footballers May Learn 2nd Trade

London, October 24.

The Football Association has plans in hand for a scheme to provide professional footballers with knowledge of a second trade.

It is an official vocational training scheme, designed to enable footballers to study the distributive trades.

The vocational training principle was agreed upon at a recent meeting of the Association and the Football League. Before final plans are arranged, it is expected that the Football Association Council and the League Management Committee will be asked for their approval of the scheme.

Already, however, 80 players from London clubs have enrolled for the course of study, which will cost them only an enrolment fee of five shillings. There is little doubt that the players themselves will welcome such a scheme, which should help to provide in some degree that security for the future which the football game does not always yield.

Some League Clubs may look at the matter in a different light, however. It is reported here that some clubs are likely to oppose the scheme regarding it as being intended to wipe out full time professionalism.

Many clubs have always frowned on their players having a job outside football, holding that a footballer's training should leave him no time for other occupations.

It seems possible, therefore, that the Association's vocational training plans may become another bone of contention between some clubs and their players.

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WE ALL KNOW that we ought to bid with a hand which is utterly worthless in either high cards or distributional values in responding to an informative or takeout double across the table from us. We also know that if we have a fair amount of strength we should make the response more than a minimum to show that our holding added to that of a doubler should produce a game. Now for the top extreme. What is the way to show at once that we hold an extremely good hand across from him?

By bidding the opponent's suit.

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CHENNAULT SAYS:—

Red Moves In Europe Depend On China War

United Nations No Failure

Paris, October 23. The best answer to pessimists and critics of the United Nations was the practical work of the organization during the past three years—an "impressive record".

Dr. Herbert E. K. Chairman of the United Nations General Assembly, said today.

He was speaking at a ceremony to commemorate the third anniversary of the United Nations Charter tomorrow.

Disputes had arisen in many parts of the world and actual fighting had broken out in areas such as Palestine and Indonesia. The East added, but in each case the U.N. had been able to intervene and point the way to solutions, or at least ease the tension and bring the parties together.

"The spirit of the Assembly, the spirit of the United Nations, the spirit of San Francisco is gradually making itself more evident."

U.N.O. can only fail as far as the Governments of the world fail to support U.N.O., declared Dr. E. K.—Reuter.

REUTER MAN RELEASED

Buenos Aires, October 23. Jose Amador, a member of Reuters news staff in Buenos Aires, was today released unconditionally after 23 hours' detention at the political section of the Federal Police headquarters here.

Amador said that the questioning to which he was submitted did not reflect in any way on Reuters or his work as a newspaperman.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.30 p.m.—The Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—London Radio Orchestra conducted by Denis Wilton (BBC).
1.00 p.m.—Russek and Landauer on Ten Piano (CBS).
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—"The Richard Tauber Programme" Richard Tauber with the Melochini Orchestra and Guest, Mimi Beche (BBC).
2.00 p.m.—Classical Programme Summary.
2.05 p.m.—"Jam Session".
2.30 p.m.—Hospital Relief Half Hour presented by Linda Carter, studio (BBC).
3.00 p.m.—"Music Time" (CBS) Vocal and Orchestra.
3.30 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour (London Relay).
3.45 p.m.—A Short Video Relief, presented by "I Like What I Like" (BBC).
4.00 p.m.—New Concert Novelty Ensemble.
4.10 p.m.—Pianoforte Recital by Leah Gurevitch (Studio).
4.30 p.m.—"The London Playhouse" presents "The Silver Fleet" and 10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
4.45 p.m.—Weather Report.
4.50 p.m.—Chamber Music Recital—Nocturne Quintet in a Major, K. 601 (Arcton); Joy Hall (Cello)—Allie Hain-Kerr (the Violin) George Mils (2nd Violin) C. C. 14 (Violin) and Harold Woods (Clarinet) (Studio).
4.55 p.m.—Morton Gould and His Orchestra.
5.15 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
5.16 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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"THE LAST DAY OF POMPEII"

Shanghai, October 24. Major-General Claire Chennault declared today that Russia would not start a "shooting war" in Europe unless "Chinese Communists succeed in drawing the iron curtain as far south as the Yangtze River."

General Chennault, famed wartime leader of the "Flying Tigers" Air Force, based in South West China, is now head of the Civil Air Transport.

He told Reuters in an exclusive interview that Soviet Russia "does not want to fight a war on two fronts and if China remains non-Communist as far as the Great Wall, the Russians will not go to war."

He said: "American military experts agree that if Russia is able to use her full offensive power against the West, Europe could not hold out for three months."

General Chennault emphatically declared: "The only chance to avoid a third world war is to hold North China in order to retain non-Communist bases."

Realistic People

He did not believe that the Russians, in the event of war,

"would ever use Russian troops to invade China, but undoubtedly would increase aid in the Chinese Communists and encourage them. It is even possible that the Communists may get Russian air support if sufficient units were available in Europe."

Explaining why he thought the Russians would not use their own troops in operations against China, General Chennault stated: "The Russians are a realistic people. They saw the Japanese fail in their attempts to conquer China, in spite of the use of their navy, army and air force power."

On the civil war in China, General Chennault said that it was important for the Nationalists to hold their islands of resistance in Manchuria and North China—such as Mukden, Chinchow, Tientsin and Tsingtau—in order to give them time to bring in supplies and train troops.

Still Time

Unless these pockets are held, the Communists would over-run North China.

"There is still time to save China if the Communists below the Great Wall could be eliminated and a huge force built up to retake Manchuria."

But he added: "China has neither the troops nor equipment to do so now. Most of the equipment—artillery, machine-guns, motor transport and aircraft replacements—would have to come from the United States."

"Motor and air transport is needed for field use to supply food, clothing and other supplies to troops."—Reuter.

Diplomatic quarters here believe that the British Embassy in Bangkok has urged Britain to furnish immediately a considerable quantity of arms and equipment to the Siamese Government to consolidate the position of anti-Communist forces.

The British Government itself recently despatched two Guards battalions to Malaya to meet the growing threat of rebel activity and it is understood to be supplying arms to Burma as laid down in the Anglo-Burmese treaty of 1947.—Reuter.

SPECIAL CHINA RELIEF TAX

Nanking, October 24. The Executive Yuan soon will announce a programme for enforcement of collections of a special relief tax to be used for the winter programme.

Under the general plans for the programme, 60 per cent of the collections will be allocated to emergency relief, labour welfare, aid to farmers and the repatriation of refugees to their home towns.

Thirty per cent will be used for direct assistance to the aged, the diseased, orphans and pregnant women. The remaining 10 per cent will be used exclusively for child welfare work among those whose fathers have died in the civil war.—United Press.

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She's Having Another Try

London, October 23. A Puerto Rican woman who thought she was boarding for San Juan at the La Guardia airport last night, rested an hour and hopped the next airliner back to New York to try again.

She said that she followed a line of people entering a Pan American Clipper which she thought was going to San Juan.

She arrived without visa, no baggage and no knowledge of English. An hour later, she was put in a New York-bound plane to complete her 7,000 mile extra journey.—United Press.

Purge Of Atomic Workers

Washington, October 23.

The United States Atomic Energy Commission today issued a virtual ultimatum to the CIO United Electrical Workers' Union to get rid of any Communist officials or lose bargaining rights in the atomic plants operated by the General Electric Company.

The Commission chairman, Mr. David Lilienthal, warned that the Commission intended to act promptly if the Union did not file non-Communist affidavits under the Taft-Hartley Act.

Mr. Lilienthal's position was stated in a letter to Mr. Albert Fitzgerald, Union President, that said that Mr. Lilienthal had received no reply yet to his letter of October 6 to Mr. Fitzgerald which said that the Union leaders must purge themselves of Communist affiliation if the Union is to be permitted to work in the General Electric atomic plants.

Mr. Lilienthal said that if the question of alleged Communist affiliations of Union leaders was not satisfactorily answered, the General Electric will be directed to withdraw recognition of the Union.—United Press.

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VINSON MISSION IDEA WAS "APPROVED BY MAJORITY OF PEOPLE"

Washington, October 23. The Democratic Party's National Committee today claimed that the majority of the American people approved President Truman's consideration of the recent proposal to send Chief Justice Fred Vinson on a peace mission to Generalissimo Stalin.

In a statement on the proposed and later abandoned mission, the Committee declared that "in view of approval for President Truman's pronouncements for peace and his efforts to clear the fog of suspicion that covers the negotiations with Soviet Russia has now become a major factor" in the Presidential election campaign.

The Committee made a spirited defence of the whole purpose of the Vinson plan, and stated: "The majority of the American people had recognised the President's consideration of Chief Justice Vinson's projected mission to Moscow as a personal emissary to Generalissimo Stalin as an all-out move to ease the present world situation. President Truman had taken the plan under consideration without political motivation."

Not Political

Republicans feared the result of the Vinson plan. They feared that the people, who want above all else to avoid another war, would react to President Truman's plan at the polls. President Truman did not counsel with his political advisers and properly so. He did counsel with the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, and properly so.

When the Secretary of State advised against the Vinson Mission on the ground that it would be misunderstood in Europe as a possible gesture of appeasement, the plan was abandoned.

"Facing the wave of approval that might result, the Republican-controlled press and radio opened a barrage of criticism. The President's plan was damned as political, despite the fact that he had not counselled with his political advisers."

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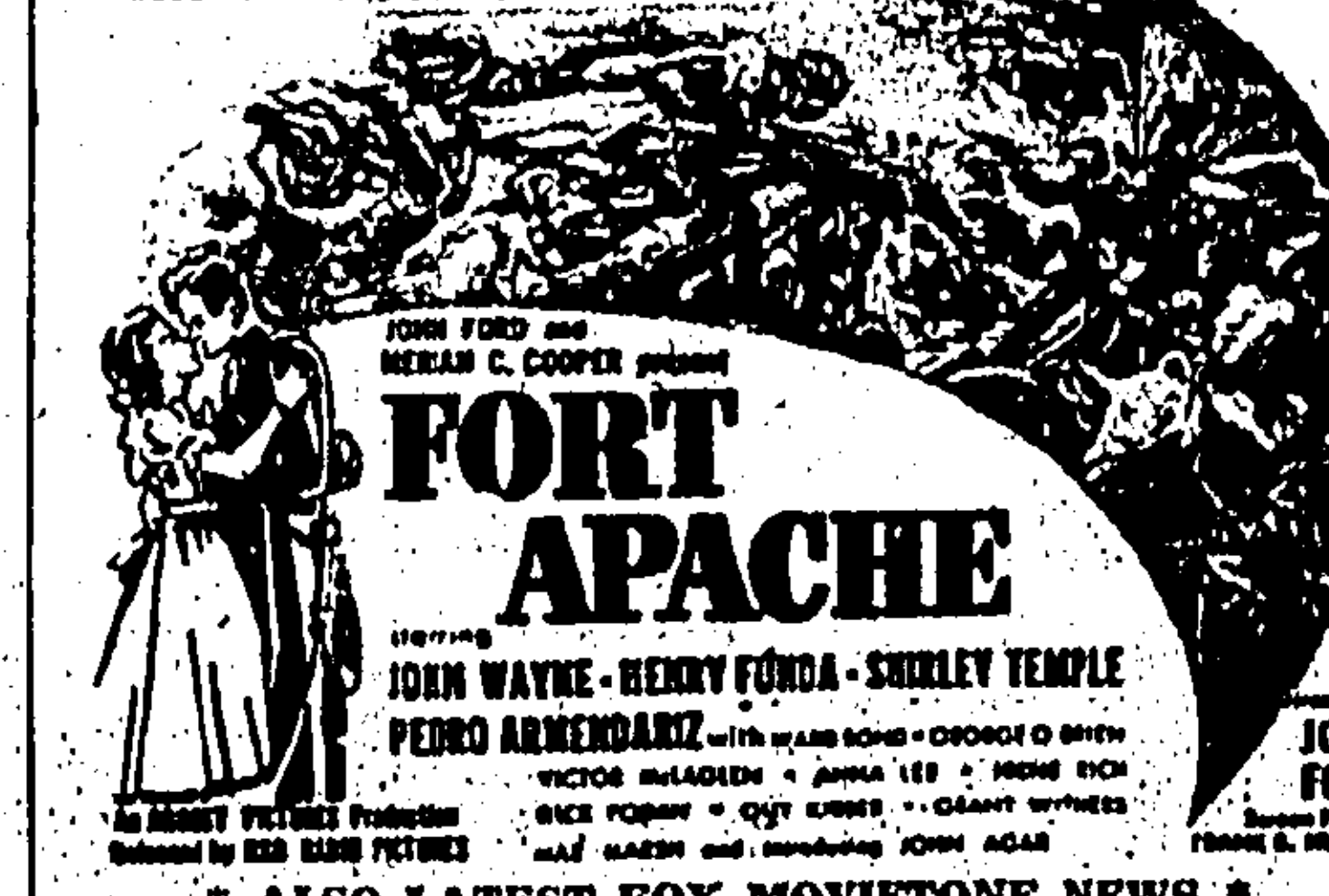
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MR. CHURCHILL'S WARNING

Mr. Winston Churchill is the leader of Britain's Conservative Party. He is also the statesman who embodied even more than he inspired Britain's resistance to Hitler's Germany. The determination to resist to the utmost, and to suffer destruction rather than yield, was strong in the people before Mr. Churchill became Prime Minister in May 1940; and it was because the nation knew he shared this determination to the full that all parties supported him. In return, his courageous bearing and his uplifting speeches sustained public faith in the final victory and made him the emblem of unswerving national resolve.

It is not easy to say whether Mr. Churchill's grave speech at the close of the Conservative Party Conference was made primarily in his capacity as a National war leader or, and chiefly, to his party. Since he spoke simultaneously to the United States by radio, he knew that his audience would be far larger than the 40,000 delegates to the Conference. He knew too that the publication of his first volume on the war—with its formidable list of warnings fulfilled—would ensure the respect for it not the agreement with his admonition against the premature destruction of atomic bombs.

This admonition ran: "Of one thing I am quite sure. If the United States were to consent, in reliance upon paper agreement, to destroy the stocks of atomic bombs which they have accumulated, they would be guilty of murdering human freedom and committing suicide themselves. I have not always been wrong. Nothing stands between Europe and the complete subjugation to Communist tyranny but the atomic bomb in American possession."

With "deep sorrow" Mr. Churchill expressed his belief that the only sure foundation of peace, or prevention of actual war, is the strength of organized readiness to resist aggression. Given this strength, the aggressive tactics of Soviet Russia might be kept within bounds, and the danger of war averted. It would be vain to expect any change of heart at Moscow; but the rulers of Russia might be brought to understand, by the mingled strength and firmness in the West, that there are limits beyond which aggressive Communism must not go. Mr. Churchill pledged the support of his party to Britain's Labour Government in any firm stand it might take against "the encroachments and aggressions of Soviet Russia."

There was much also in Mr. Churchill's speech. How ought it to be interpreted? It said aloud what many people in Great Britain and the West at large, were saying to themselves or whispering to each other. Was Mr. Churchill right to say it aloud? Had he been in office, his speech would have amounted almost to what diplomats call *mise en demeure*, an emphatic summons to Soviet Russia to mend her ways or take the consequences. As he is not in office, his warnings are comparable to those he addressed to responsible ministers in years before the war. Why were those warnings not then heeded? His first volume on "The Second World War" proves that they were based on accurate in-

OCTOBER 18—(33rd [Wednesday] Anniversary) Here's a hunch. T.V. is the trouble-maker? If Roosevelt had the hunch that I am disturbing relations, where did he get it? Ans.—Only from T.V. So T.V. wants me relieved. Why? Because I am working with Madame Chiang and she is for the G-mo and that crabs T.V.'s ambitions. Maybe that's why Ella and May won't tell me; why they warned me about Ch'en Ch'en, T.V.'s man; and why they want Kung built up. I'll watch for confirmation of this.

OCTOBER 21—Well, well, it was T.V. He told Somervell in Delhi it was coming off. He had it all set up with the G-mo, which May and Ella heard of it. At once there was a hell of a bunch. T.V. told me the other day that I didn't know the half of it but ultimately would. Said she had to choose between "her own flesh and blood" [T.V.] and the good of China. Gave me a lot of sleep on their size-up of me. Regrets we did not get together a year ago. Good advice in to Chennault. Pull his teeth and give him no ground for complaint, so he can't cry to the Generalissimo. Says we have stepped Chiang in full career and turned him around 180 degrees. Considers it a big victory. Says my position is greatly improved and that no further attacks will be made—positive about this, so I suppose T.V. got a good sweat.

The G-mo is now affable again. Impressed by my presentation [at Mountbatten-Somervell conference] of Chinese participation in the projected Burma attack. Ordered Ho to be cordial to me. Ho and Liu Fei at the [Mountbatten-Somervell] conference but Chiang had me present the facts on Chinese participation in Champlain. What a gag. Neither Ho nor Liu could tell you what troops are in Yunnan. Minister and Vice-Minister of War.

OCTOBER 18-19-20—The conference at Huang Shan. Happy family stuff. Dicky [Mountbatten] was superenthusiastic about mixing us all up.

The Chinese politeness has fooled Dicky. He thinks they will do everything. The one big thing accomplished was that Chiang agreed to unified command. A formula was reached on boundaries. Neither Chinese nor South East Asia Command could invade Siam and/or French Indochina without consulting the other.

Next step is [to make a] plan. I go to India [Delhi] and bring back proposals. T.V. showed up at ferry and went to Huang Shan [for the Mountbatten conference]. There was a fight there and he was told [by Chiang Kai-shek] to be sick of the place.

OCTOBER 21—LETTER TO MRS. STILWELL I'm off for the other end of the line after a big wall-to-wall. An attempt has been made by certain elements here to grease the skids and gently put me on them. It was all set by our side rallied and went after them, and we won the game in the last minute of play. It has been a nasty-damn experience and I was on the point of telling them to go to hell, but now it's all smoothed over and I am assured that not only will they not be repeated but that my position is stronger than it was. If you all weren't playing the game as you are, Ole Pappy would just have to step outside and shoot himself. As it is all I have to do is remember what I'm coming home to.

OCTOBER 24—LETTER TO MRS. STILWELL I couldn't resist writing you from my office in the South East Asia Command Headquarters. How do you like our stationery? It's about all we've

formation, carefully sifted and weighed. He is not in the habit of making sensational statements at random. He is however in the habit of presenting his conclusions in a highly dramatic form, so dramatic indeed as to arouse the uneasy feeling that they may be exaggerated or oversimplified. Britain's public is apt to discount real or apparent exaggerations. It prefers the emphasis of an understatement.

Yet in this instance Mr. Churchill's historic achievements as a National War Leader, and his record as a Political seer, lend special weight to his words, a weight enhanced by the persistent mischief-making of Soviet Russia and of Communist parties throughout the world. He is entirely sincere both in his warnings and in his promise of full support to the Labour Government if the aim of its policy be the preservation of peace in the only practical way. That way is steadily to withstand in adequate strength any Russian attempts to impose Communism on Western Europe and presently on the world. Britain's people may not approve fully of the precise form which Mr. Churchill suggests, this policy should take. But rulers of Soviet Russia would be seriously mistaken were they to imagine that Britain's people do not think the policy itself necessary and sound.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH INSTALMENT

The Stilwell Papers



happy about his failure to secure greater American aid within China for the bolstering of his general military-political structure; but on the basis of Allied promises he was willing to co-operate. He returned to China while Stilwell tarried in Cairo to await the results of the Teleran conference.

NOVEMBER 15—Off at 2:00 p.m. Kuning at 4:30. NOVEMBER 16—Off at 3:40 in C-54. Smooth trip. In [at Chabun] at 7:00. Three hours and twenty minutes. Off at 8:00. Delhi at four. To headquarters on papers.

NOVEMBER 18—10:30 South-east Asia Command meeting. Lunch. Rung lovable. Rush to get off 2:25. At Karachi at 7:05.

NOVEMBER 19—ON at 7:50. Basra at 4:30. Eight hours forty minutes. Flew over Abadan on way. Big developments there and along river at Basra. Masses of date palms. Stayed at airfield. Cold duck dinner with wonderful French-fried potatoes.

NOVEMBER 20—ON at 8:00. Gassed at Habbaniyah. Off at 10:35. Passed Jerusalem at 1:00. Cairo. Payne Field at 3:40. Seven hours and forty minutes. Barbed wire all over the place. Limeys protecting Dicky [Mountbatten]. To Sheperds [Hotel] for haircut. Down to camp PX—astounding stock.

NOVEMBER 21—CAIRO Breakfast at 8:00. Scribbled on [papers]. Cairo [offensive] which was planned for following spring. P.m. [Shang Chen and Company]. Took a walk and got lost. Routed out at dinner by Shang Chen and Lin Wei. Madame [after me]. Went out and saw Generalissimo. Madame gone to bed. Barbed wire everywhere. Then to No. 4 [House]. George [Marshall]. Pat [Hurley] and Somervell. Talked till 11:30 P.D.R. doesn't like me to call Chiang Kai-shek. Put out.

NOVEMBER 22—Meeting on [at Combined Chiefs of Staff]. Sounded off on the plan [for Burma]. 11:00 [Admiral] King to plenary session. Mountbatten gave a spin on the plan. Lunch at Mena House. 2:30 to preliminary meeting. [The] [proposals]. "Do not present proposals." Message the G-mo would come. Then he wouldn't. That he would. Christ. Brooke got nasty and King got good and sore. King almost climbed over the table at Brooke. God, he was mad. I wish he had socked him.

3:30 Chinese came. Terrible performance. They couldn't ask a question. Brooke was insulting. I helped them out. They were asked about Yoke and I had to reply. Brooke fired questions and I batted them back. At 6:00 went to G-mo's and helped Chinese get questions ready. Tired.

(To Be Continued)

THEY WERE COMRADES

Today is being wound up a dependants' aid fund that began at a prison camp auction sale in Germany.

Over four and a half years ago 1,500 men in R.A.F. uniforms, Polish greatcoats and high German jackboots, stood on the dusty parade ground of a P.O.W. camp in Sagan, Silesia. They were holding an auction.

In front of the camp theatre they had built themselves stood a row of wooden tables piled high with "kit"—uniforms, bedding, hairbrushes, toilet soap, fountain pens, cap badges.

The "lots" were the belongings of the victims of Stalag Luft III, the 50 men butchered at Hitler's orders in reprisal for the mass-escape attempt in March, 1944. Though the Commandant had read out a report stating that they had been killed "while resisting arrest," the camp knew that they had been shot in cold blood.

Bidding among the men on the parade ground was brisk, at times astronomical, but there was none of the atmosphere of a real auction—no quips, no sides or murmur.

The men bid high, many of them far more than they could afford. They knew that they were providing a fund for their dead comrades' dependants.

One dead man's dressing-gown was sold for £50. Every man went—except books and magazines. These were placed in the common stock of camp amenities.

Objects of value to relatives and loved ones were carefully packed up and sent home to England. At the end of four days £2,422 10s. had been raised. Officers who shea may one day be found

had failed to secure an article signed subscription lists for £2,422 10s.

Then began the work of administering the fund. From Stalag Luft III, via the International Red Cross and Sagan Government, the trustees to the Air Ministry selling out the amount to be paid to each beneficiary and authorising deductions from the subscribers' pay.

It was agreed that the amounts paid out should vary according to the financial circumstances of each dependant. Except for two single

By JOHN RAYMOND

officers who were known to have been supporting their parents, only the dependants of married officers benefited from the fund. Staff officers who were shot belonged to the Dominions or Allied Air Forces, including six Poles and one Czech. Though the dependants were found easily, the trustees had to wait till the end of the war before being able to trace the Polish and Czech next-of-kin. Even then they could not be paid—currency in the occupied countries was almost worthless.

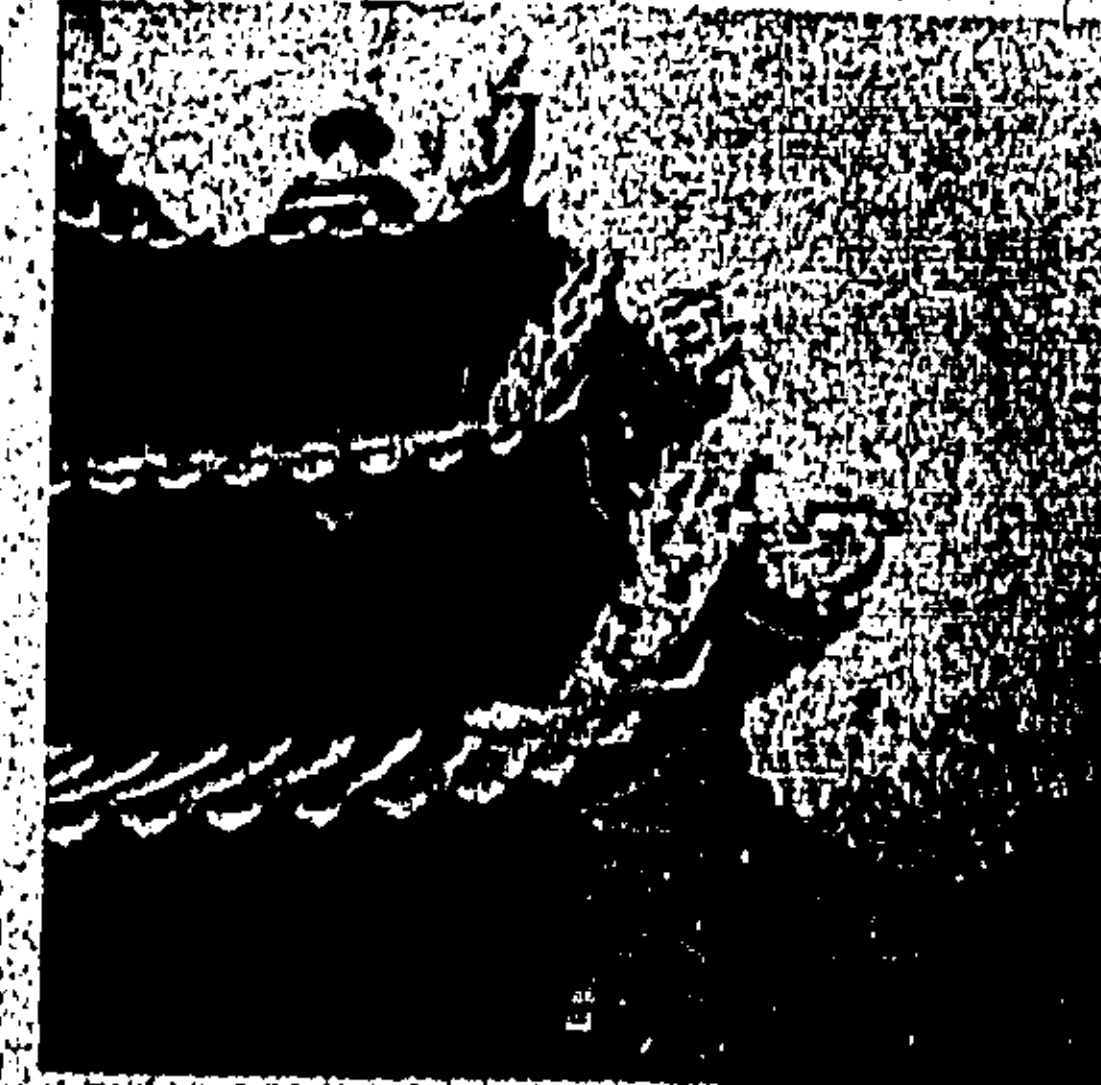
Two years later three Polish families seemed to have completely disappeared. Like millions in Central Europe, they had moved on in search of food.

After months of patient search two of them were traced. Their share has now been paid. Only one dependant—the widow of Flying Officer J. Mondheim, of the Polish Air Force—has not been traced. This fund owes the bulk of £2,287, but no one knows whether she is alive or dead.

Today the fund is being wound up. The money is being transferred to the R.A.F. dependants' fund in the hope that Mrs. Mondheim may one day be found.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

Daily in the "China Mail" in future will appear a photograph similar to that above, odd sheets of familiar Hong Kong buildings, a page of a magazine. Can you recognise where this picture was taken? The answer is on Page Seven.



ANOTHER SOVIET REJECTION

Six-Power Plan On Berlin Turned Down By Moscow WESTERN MILITARY PACT?

Paris, October 24.

Russia rejected the six power plan to solve the Berlin crisis and will veto the resolution on Monday's session of the United Nations Security Council.

Simultaneously top American sources disclosed that the United States and Canada will draft a sweeping North Atlantic alliance for full military aid to the Western European Union soon after the US elections.

Foreign Ministers of the Union—France, Britain, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—will meet on Monday and Tuesday to discuss the alliance.

Belfast Dockers Strike

Belfast, October 23.

Freight traffic between Belfast and cross-Channel ports was paralysed here today and mails were delayed as a strike of 3,000 dockers entered its third day.

Shipping companies have announced that they would not accept any further claims for shipment until the strike was settled.

Customs dockers started the stoppage to enforce their demands for weekly income tax reductions instead of the present monthly and quarterly payments which, they complain, often prevented them from meeting their bills.

Regular dockers who are on the weekly deduction system struck in sympathy.

The men decided to continue the strike last night despite a telegram from their union calling upon them to return to work. They have made clear that they would do so as soon as the revenue authorities withdrew the present deduction system.

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Russian rejection of the plan by China and five other neutral nations to lift the Berlin blockade was learned following a two-hour meeting of Andrei Vyshinsky with Jean Bramuglia, acting President of the Council.

Vyshinsky stuck to his position, lifting the blockade and institution of Soviet-backed currency must be simultaneous. The neutral plan called for immediate lifting of the blockade and putting the new currency into effect by November 20.

Dumoulin is reported to have told Vyshinsky he would not bother to relay the plan a second time to the Western Powers, who already have rejected it as bargaining under pressure. Bramuglia will press for settlement of the case even if Vyshinsky kills the resolution by veto.

An informed source said the Russians apparently are in regular communication with Moscow, and Vyshinsky acted under Kremlin orders.

Early convocation of a Western European Parliament will be discussed by the five-nation foreign ministers at the Monday, Tuesday meetings in Paris. Reports in French circles said Britain finally had approved calling together such a parliament. It is felt the United States Congress would more readily approve funds for military aid if there was this added sign of European unity.

The North Atlantic alliance probably would bind the United

States and Canada to build up air, land and sea forces of the five nations at an estimated cost annually to American taxpayers of \$552,000,000 for three to five years.

American sources said the pact envisages a seven nation unified military strategic command under an American commander. They said it might be concluded by the middle of 1949 and guarantee each country's territorial integrity in event of war.

It would give North American powers the right to have air, land and sea bases in any of the five European countries. It would provide for standardised equipment and training.

Informants said the United States may enter other associations to bolster the alliance. Norway, Denmark, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Greece, Turkey and Iran are mentioned. The Americans want the Brussels Union expanded to take in other non-Communist nations. Elre, Iceland, Portugal, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Greece, Turkey and Italy are mentioned.

The British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, is expected to branch this subject at this week's meetings. French officials understand Mr. Bevin was so authorised by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers at their just-concluded London session.—Associated Press.

Stooges' Appeal

Berlin, October 23.

The Soviet-sponsored German Peoples' Council today appealed to the Occupation Powers to resume four-power talks on the Berlin crisis, on the basis of the Moscow agreement of August 30.

On that day, after five weeks of discussion in the Kremlin, an agreed directive was sent to the four Military Commanders in Berlin.

"The Berlin problem cannot, however, be solved if it is separated from the problem of Germany as a whole," the resolution said.

"It is a decisive fact that Berlin is located in the Soviet Zone, and it must not be separated from the surrounding zone." The resolution also appealed to the four Occupation Powers to return to the Potsdam Agreement and to solve the whole problem by a peace treaty with a united Germany.—Reuter.

General Clay Still Hopeful

Berlin, October 23.

General Lucius Clay, U.S. Military Governor of Germany, in a United Nations Day statement tonight reaffirmed his hope for a United Nations settlement of the Berlin dispute.

He said: "We are aware that the United Nations today faces the most critical problem in its history, but we must not give up hope for its success. I, for one, refuse to give up hope and I am more than happy to participate in this international observance." General Clay arrived by air in Berlin this afternoon from Washington. He flew to Washington at the beginning of the week and saw United States Government leaders during his stay there.—Reuter.

ONE MORE WAR BEFORE UTOPIA

Berlin, October 23.

Bertrand Russell, British poet and philosopher, told Germans in blockaded Western Berlin tonight that it was not unreasonable to hope that at the end of the current century war and poverty would have been banished, "provided the Western Powers remain firm, united, and courageous." He said he was confident that mankind was on the threshold of a happiness never before experienced by human beings. But he said that he feared another war before this could be achieved.—Reuter.

"Painful Surprise" For Paris

Paris, October 23.

The French Foreign Office tonight issued a communique stating that the French Government had learned with "painful surprise" of the incidents at Mahe on the eve of the municipal elections.

The communique said that under the agreement between the Indian Government and the French Government on June 29, the representatives who would be elected at Mahe, Pondicherry, Karikal and Yanam, would fix the date of the referendum which would give the population the opportunity of deciding their future status.

The communique added: "The French Government formally declares: '1.—That these troubles were caused by exterior elements, information concerning whose actions has been brought to the notice of the New Delhi Government several times since August. 2.—The French Government will not recognise the decisions which could be imposed in the present circumstances by agitators on the population of Mahe. 3.—The French Government has the intention of applying the agreement of June 29 in both the spirit and the letter. 4.—The actions at Mahe will be postponed until the time when, normal conditions having been re-established, the electoral consultation can take place in dignity and order.'—Reuter."

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Bloodshed In The Helsinki Riots

Helsinki, October 23.

One policeman was killed when police, armed with clubs and riding whips, clashed with strikers armed with heavy stones in an hour-long "battle" outside the Arabia porcelain works here today.

Two hundred police and about 1,000 strikers were involved in the clash, which occurred as the police were escorting men who wished to continue working at the plant. Similar clashes have occurred elsewhere. Docks and factories in Helsinki are affected as well as the Arabia works.

As the trouble flared up between strikers and police, for the second successive day, M. Karl Fagerholm, the Premier, said: "I am confident the Government can master the situation and I shall discuss the whole question with the Trade Unions Federation."

Mr. Hoffman Gets Good Impression

Rome, October 23.

Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, the Marshall Plan Administrator, said here today that he was greatly impressed by the progress of economic co-operation among the European nations. "For the first time in history, European nations are working away from nationalistic interests and towards European co-operation," he told a press conference. The countries in the European Recovery Programme were now looking at Europe as a whole and making concessions in their own programme to fit into the general framework.

Questioned about France, Mr. Hoffman said that once the political situation there had been stabilised, the French Government would be in a position to make a contribution to the Marshall aid in Italy.—Reuter.

PICCARD'S DIVE POSTPONED

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Sundia, October 23. The first ocean dive by Professor Piccard's bathysphere, expected to have been made today, has been postponed until tomorrow. Preparations for the descent, which is a preliminary to the professor's coming attempt at a two and a half mile deep investigation of the ocean bed, have taken longer than expected.

The departure of the Scaldia from Dakar, French West Africa, for the Cape Verde Islands was held up earlier this month by the illness through overwork of the professor's companion, the Belgian scientist, Dr. Max Cozyne.—Reuter.

Attempt To Murder General Seydlitz

Berlin, October 23.

The American-licensed German news agency, Dena, reported tonight that four shots were fired yesterday at a car containing General Walter Von Seydlitz, former Stalingrad general, now reported to be engaged on re-organisation of the Soviet Zone police.

The shots missed von Seydlitz, but one of his principal lieutenants was slightly wounded, the agency said.

The report, said to come from a reliable correspondent in the Soviet Zone, could not be confirmed.

In spite of Soviet denials, it has been persistently reported in the past week that von Seydlitz is in Germany to reorganise the Soviet zone police on a para-military basis.—Reuter.

Europe Parliament May Be Summoned

Paris, October 24.

Prospects for the early convocation of a western European Parliament rose after reports in French circles that Britain is about to approve such an idea.

The proposal, made formally last summer by France and Belgium, is to be discussed by the Foreign Ministers of the five western European Union nations when they meet here on Monday and Tuesday.

French officials said they understood that the Commonwealth Prime Ministers and Deputy Prime Ministers gave the British Government approval of the project in their conferences in London last week.

If so, this would remove one of the obstacles to British endorsement.

The British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, is expected to make a statement on the project in the

opening session of the meeting which brings together the chief foreign policy makers of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The Ministers will be meeting in the consultative council of the political, economic, military and cultural alliance framed last year in Brussels. The Council meets every three months.

At the Union's last meeting in the Hague, the French Foreign Minister at that time, Georges Bidault, proposed to establish a preparatory commission which would determine the methods and means of convoking a European Parliament chosen from the respective national legislatures.

The Belgian Premier and Foreign Minister, Paul Henri Spaak, supported Bidault and has since formally endorsed the project. Luxembourg to also known to be favourable.

Mr. Bevin, however, said he could not comment until Britain had an opportunity to consult the Dominions at their October conferences. He also asked for numerous clarifications.—Associated Press.

More Attacks On Trains

Batavia, October 23.

Pursuit patrols were sent out today after bandits had fired on a train in West Java for the third day in succession, peppering it with bullets, but causing no casualties.

The incident occurred between Sockabandi and Tjandjoer. On Thursday two strikers and one Dutch soldier were injured and on Friday night eight passengers were killed and 20 injured when the Batavia-Bandoeng express was derailed and fired on by terrorists.

General elections will be held in the Indonesian Republic in December if arrangements now being made by the Republican authorities are completed in time, the Republican news agency, Antara, reported today.—Reuter.

REBEL SURRENDER IS "POSTPONED"

Rangoon, October 23.

The first formal surrender of Burma's White Band People's Volunteer Organisation members, due at Pegu, 50 miles from Rangoon, today, was postponed "for one or two days."

The postponement was due to the fact that "a few details still remain to be settled," it was said.

The peace mission which negotiated the peace terms with the rebels returned here today to see the Premier, Thakin Nu, but found he had gone on a tour of the hinterland.

Final details of the surrender will be discussed between Thakin Nu and the peace mission when the Premier returns next week, it was stated.

Today's military communique reported a simultaneous raid by 200 rebels on a police station and government Treasury Office at Nyaung in the Magway district.

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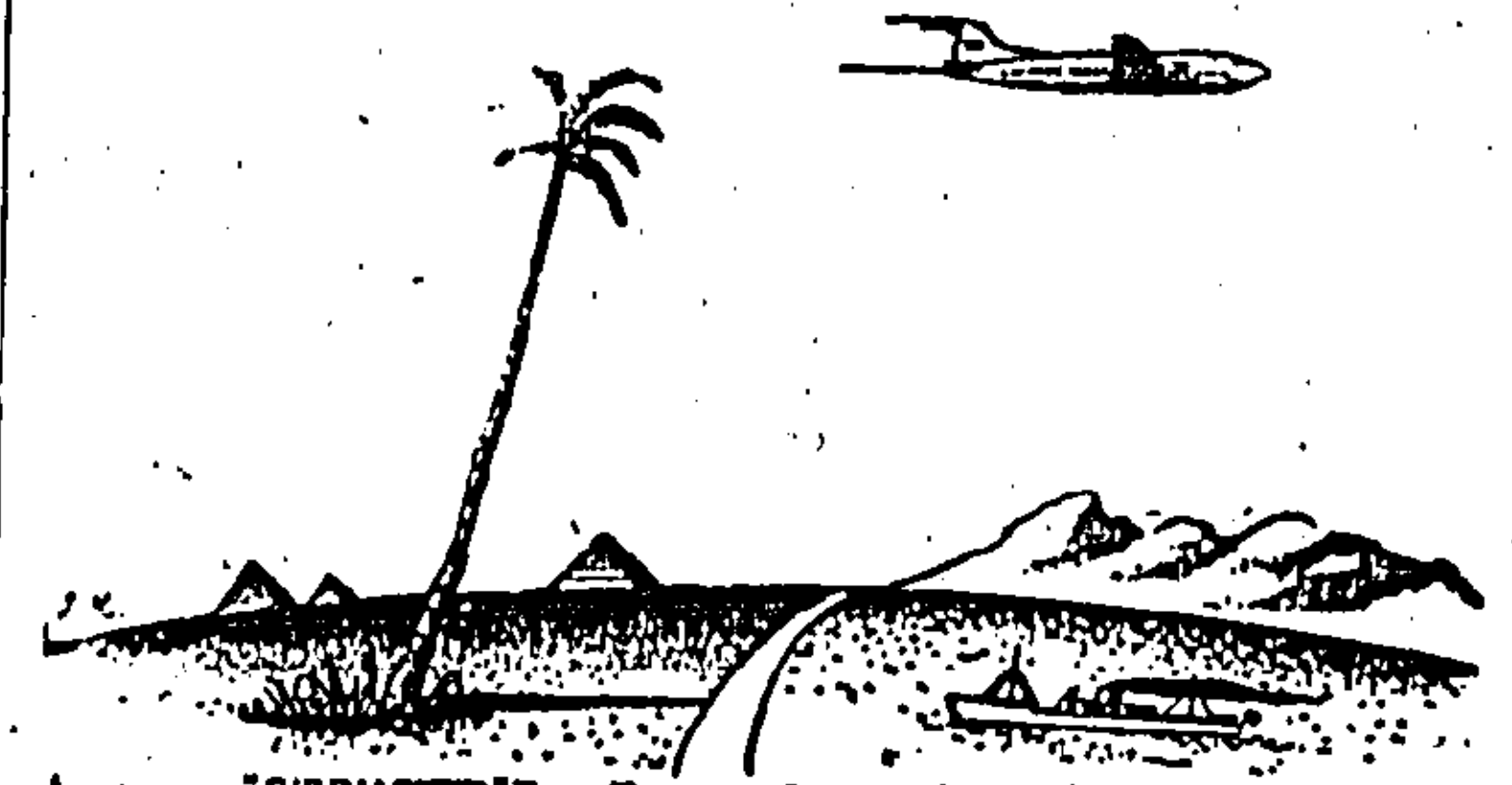
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SUPERIORITY OF THE RED ARMY

Paris, October 23.

Frederick Osborn of the United States said today that unofficial estimates showed Russia would have 150 combat divisions left if she cut her armed forces one third. The United States would have six.

Mr. Osborn, speaking before a United Nations Disarmament Sub Committee, opposed a Russian proposal for the Assembly to demand a one third cut in the armed forces of the Great Powers and a ban on the atomic bomb.

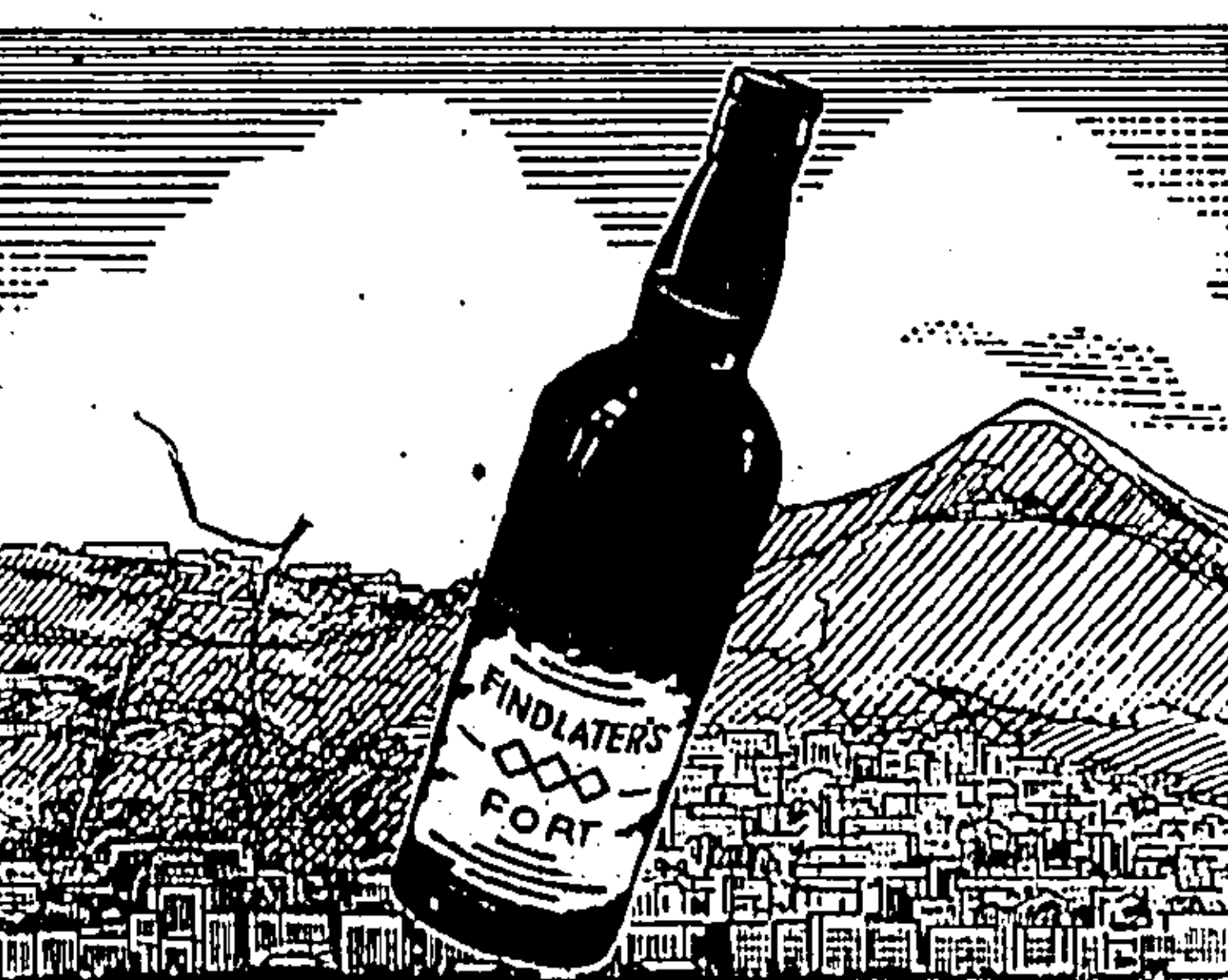
The U.S. delegate said there is little accurate information available on the Soviet armed forces.

He read figures published earlier this year in the French weekly Oedipe, giving estimates on

the armed forces of various nations.

He said these estimates showed that, if the requested one third cut became effective, Russia still would have 150 trained combat divisions ready for duty, the United States six. Russia would have 80 divisions available in satellite countries, he continued. Western European countries would have a total of only 14 divisions.

"Until we get correct figures, our fears will only be increased by such a one third cut," Mr. Osborn said.—Associated Press.



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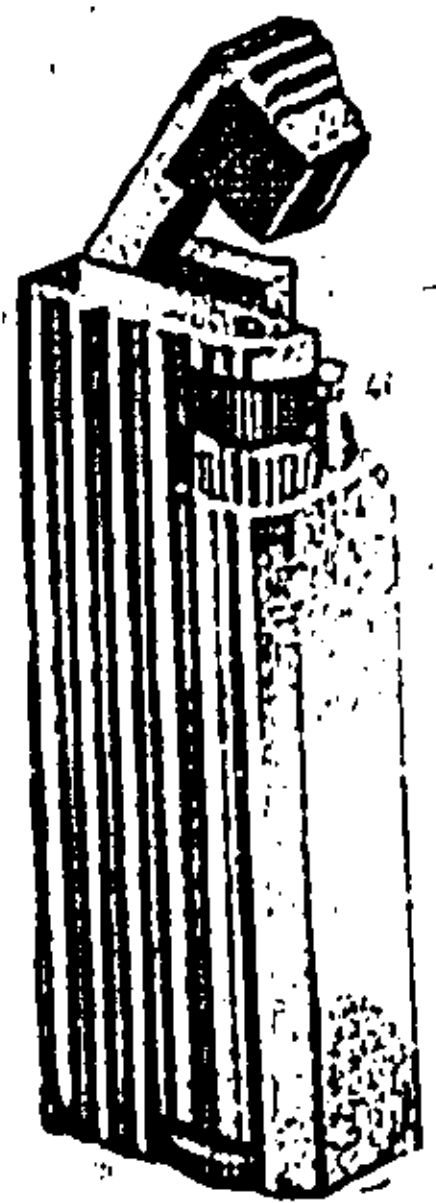


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PRINCESS ELIZABETH IS "MOST COMPOSED"

London, October 23.

Princess Elizabeth is the "most composed person about the Palace" with the birth of her baby approximately three weeks away, sources close to the Royal Family said today.

The Princess, who has told her intimates that she expects a boy, is "simply taking things easy" and is making no special plans for the baby's arrival on any particular date.

Royal physicians thus far have avoided specifying the date when King George's first grandchild is expected. A source close to the

Palace said that one reason for this was to avert the possibility that thousands of persons might jam the Victoria Monument square in front of the Palace on the day the child is expected.

The first public news of the baby's arrival is expected to be given to the press. Representatives of the Exchange Telegraph Company and the Press Association—two British agencies which are the only ones to maintain court correspondents under the present Palace usage—will be summoned and the news will be announced.

HAC To Fire Salute
If the baby is born during daytime a 62-gun salute will be fired almost immediately from the Tower of London by the Honourable Company of Artillery.

Mr. Chuter Ede, Home Secretary, who will "witness" the birth, will make the first official announcement by pinning a notice to the door of the Home Office.

The infant will be recognised as Prince or Princess from its birth. But he will not be given a title immediately, palace sources believed.—United Press.

Potential Danger In Korea
New York, October 23.
The New York Herald Tribune in an editorial today, called the South Korean revolt "potentially dangerous."

In view of the recent history of other nations in Asia it is presumed the revolt is the first step in an attempt to organize a Communist guerrilla war against the new Korean Government at Seoul.

Dr. Syngman Rhee is able to provide a competent and honest Government and continuously demonstrate he has the interests of the Korean people at heart, he will be in a sound position.

"If he permits inefficiency, corruption, or selfishness to engulf him, he will give the Reds an advantage."

"In Korea as in many areas of Asia conditions are harsh enough so that Communist conspirators easily find fuel to feed the flames of revolution."

"In the areas where the Reds are succeeding in Asia the reason is not that they offer political goods of any merit but because their opponents offer so little."—United Press.

NANKING BISHOP FOR MALAYA
Shanghai, October 24.
Archbishop Paul Yung, the well-known Catholic Bishop of Nanking and a leading member of China's National Assembly, left for Singapore this morning on board a KLM Constellation.

He was accompanied by his secretary, Mr. Wang Sen-jeng.

Among other things, the exhibit seeks to prove the Government's contention that the Communists, like the Japanese, "encourage the production and marketing of opium" through permitting free entry of opium into

Red-controlled areas.

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Communist shows a group of his officers in company with a foreign adviser who holds a cigarette in his hand. There are pictures of houses and motor cars used by the Russians in Changchun during the Communist occupation of that city.

Membership certificates of the Communists bear the likeness of Stalin. And there are pictures of captured Russian and Japanese weapons.—United Press.

THE PROOF IS IN THE NEGATIVE
Nanking, October 24.
The Chinese Government is offering photographic proof "for those who still entertain any doubts as to who the Chinese Communists really are or to whom they owe their allegiance."

A total of 1,500 photos were put on display for the purpose.

"Their veracity cannot be questioned," the announcement said, adding that senior officers of the American Advisory Group who were given a preview of the exhibit were "impressed by it."

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US Transport Plane Crashes In Germany

Frankfurt, October 23.

The crew of three were killed when a United States transport plane was reported to have crashed in flames in mountains near Frankfurt this afternoon.

German agencies, reporting the accident, said that it occurred in the Taunus Mountains near Oberursel.

The United States Air Force Headquarters at Wiesbaden were still checking on the report.—Reuter.

First Japanese Woman Diplomat

Tokyo, October 23.

Japan, in another milestone on the way to democratization by the entry of the first woman in Japanese history into the diplomatic field.

Today, it became apparent that Miss Tsuruyo Kondo, 47, was the strongest contender for the Parliamentary post of Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

When informed of her proposed diplomatic appointment, she came out with the diplomatic rejoinder: "That is a very wise step for a peace-loving Japanese woman to be innately peace-lovers."—United Press.

Land Socialisation
One Left Wing but non-Communist Eastern European source said purges in the satellite States have, if anything, strengthened Russia's grip.

The Committee, on the other hand, said the situation for Russia is "serious."

The root of the trouble, it said, is general resistance to the Communist scheme of socialising the land.

"There is at present great fear in Moscow that the new speak on the radio to the peasants of Hungary, Poland, etc., and incite them to general revolt against the application of Lenin's Communism in the agricultural sphere," ICSEQ said.

"Also the Soviet Government considers it extremely dangerous that Yugoslavia in her position, which would become strategically important for the defence of the Soviet bloc in the event of war, should not belong to the dissident elements of the group of Eastern

States," the report added in a reference to the Yugoslav-Russian schism.

Two Possibilities
The report cited "discontent" in Hungary, Poland and Eastern Germany. It did not mention reported purges elsewhere in the East or Albania's known economic troubles.

ICSEQ said: "In the face of this grave situation there remain only two possibilities open to the Moscow government:—

"One is to accept compromise and to renounce at present the rapid expansion of Russian Communism in Europe."

"The other is to break the resistance and force the issue."

The Politburo, the report said, has chosen the second course and hopes to succeed before the West forms an alliance broad and strong enough to encourage "opposition elements" in the Soviet sphere.

To counter-balance danger from these elements, ICSEQ added, Russia has "taken steps not only concerning power and armament in Russia herself but concerning rearmament of Germany as well."

The report cautioned that if Russia makes a new offer looking toward a Four Power agreement on Germany her motive will be to sweep all Germany under Communist control.

Backed by a Russian-controlled "Army" in the Eastern zone, the Russians would seek to dominate any German Central government, ICSEQ said.

On prospects for peace, the report declared "it is still possible to avoid war by a European agreement" strengthening the economic and military links between Western Europe—Associated Press.

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"WIDESPREAD CRISIS" BEHIND IRON CURTAIN

London, October 23.

The International Committee for the study of European Questions (ICSEQ) said today a "general crisis behind the Iron Curtain" is endangering Russia's hold on Eastern Europe.

"The entire political system set up by the USSR in Eastern Europe since 1944" imperilled by popular discontent reflected in widespread Communist purges, ICSEQ said in one of its periodic surveys of the European political scene.

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Proud Of Pensions Record

Cardiff, October 23.

The Minister of Pensions, Mr. H. Marquand, declared at Cardiff tonight that the Government was proud of its record in the matter of pensions and allowances and had just published the full facts in a report to the Ministry.

The report showed that payment made to a single war pensioner of the lowest service rank, who was severely disabled in the last war, and was therefore unemployed, was £3, 15s weekly—130 per cent higher than the payment in the early days of the war.

If a man was married after dismemberment he received £4, 11s—100 per cent higher—and if he had two children his pension and allowances, including family allowances, totalled £5, 11s—by 200 per cent.

Mr. Marquand said that it must be remembered in making comparisons with 1919 that at that time there was no system of family allowances or contributory pensions.—Reuter.

SILLY SEASON IN THE AIR
New York, October 23.

Two rival pairs of airmen, 1,800 miles apart are competing for the world's air endurance record of 726 hours set up by Captain Wes Carroll and Clyde Schepher in 1930.

Jack Reider and Bill Davis took off at Palm Beach, California, on Tuesday and said they would stay airborne for 1,005 hours.

Meanwhile, Fred Vimont and Bery Simmons who started an endurance test in the Middle West on Wednesday have reported that "everything is going according to plan."

Both planes will continue in flight while refuelling from petrol trucks on the ground.—Reuter.

COST OF LIVING UP IN P.I.
Manila, October 24.

The cost of living continues to rise in the Philippines. The Bureau of Census and Statistics computed the cost of living index at 20.8 points higher than the lowest monthly 1948 figure of 34.98 last May. It was topped only by January's 301.2. The rise was attributed to rice shortages.—Associated Press.

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Asia May Provide "Greater Danger"

New York, October 24.

Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for President, said yesterday "conditions in Asia might be more dangerous to world peace than conditions in Europe."

"The wretchedness of economic conditions invites Communist exploitation, and the passions of nationalism burn furiously," in Asia, he said.

Canada Short Of Electricity

Ottawa, October 23.

Canada, one of the world's richest nations in potential hydro-electric power, is suffering an acute shortage of electricity.

Black-outs have been imposed in many of the principal cities.

The huge turbines of Niagara, strained to their limit, cannot begin to satisfy demand. Officials say that it would take "a down-pour of 40 days and 40 nights" to restore the power situation, to normal.

Work on new hydro-electric plants is being speeded up, but it is estimated that the shortage will not be remedied before 1952.

The latest restrictions make it an offence for a householder to use electricity for heating, except in cases of sickness. Electric grates in artificial fire places are banned, as are portable electric radiators and space heaters. —Reuter.

Siam Border Incident Denied

Saigon, October 24.

Major General Marcel Alessandri, commander of the French Army in Indochina, yesterday denied Siamese reports that 100 French troops had crossed into Siam and killed a police constable and two Siamese civilians.

Alessandri said he was in constant touch with all French units in Indochina and no such report had reached him. He added that the only information he had on the matter was a press report from Bangkok quoting the Siamese Interior Ministry and the Police Department. Siamese reports on Thursday said the incident occurred on October 18. French troops were said to have crossed the Mekong River and engaged in an hour-long skirmish with Siamese police before withdrawing. —Associated Press.

Thomas added that "It is indeed important that these areas should not be turned over to Stalin's imperialism but the remedy does not lie in blindly clinging to the Western colonialism of the 19th century."

Specifically discussing China, Thomas said: "Ideally, the hope of China lies in the development of democratic forces almost equally opposed to the new style tyranny of Communism and the corruption and inefficiency of Chiang Kai-shek's regime."

"If I were President of the United States, I should not feel justified in pouring money and perhaps ultimately the lives of young Americans into the business of shoring up the unpopular government of the clique around Chiang Kai-shek."

"I should want to do all that could be done economically to aid a peaceful China and by persuasion and economic aid, to stay the march of Communism."

In Japan

In Japan, Thomas said, "Americans have a right to be proud of the comparatively good record we have made as an occupying power."

"But," he added, "there are signs today of an effort to turn Japan over to great capitalists, Japanese or American or both, which need watching."

As for the Berlin crisis and Russia in general, Thomas said that if he were President: "I should continue the airlift and try at least for its moral effects to win judgment from the United Nations. I should proclaim more earnestly than has yet been done our American desire, immediately the blockade is lifted, once more to try to negotiate a decent settlement for a unified Germany and for Korea." —Associated Press.

BLOCKADE PROVES A BOOMERANG

Berlin, October 24.

American officials said today that the Russian blockade of Berlin has boomeranged by aiding the very thing they are trying to sabotage—Western Germany recovery.

"The coal and steel we used to ship out of West Germany into the Russian zone and Ber-

lin is now being put to work speeding industrial production in the three Western zones," said Lawrence Wilkinson, economic adviser to the US commander in Germany. "The Russian zone has been weakened by lack of those vital supplies."

Allied officials say the Communists are pushing the old tactic of containing strikes and discontent among workers to cut their production.

The rich mining and manufacturing region of the Ruhr appears their main target. Propagandists tell the miners "why sweat for American capitalists?"

Officials say this propaganda is to blame for the low output per man among miners. Communist incitement is also evident in some of the more recent mass demonstrations against high prices in West Germany.

With the extra coal and steel diverted from East Germany, however, production is booming in the West. This helps the allies who finance West Germany's imports of food and raw materials.

The Western allies "may actually be making money on this blockade, in the long run," Wilkinson said—despite the huge cost of supplying 2,225,000 blockaded Berliners by air. Western Berlin, however, is lagging far behind Western Germany in economic progress. Its factories run part time or not at all for lack of coal and steel.

Even the Communists have admitted that industrial production in their own zone is sagging since the blockade. —Associated Press.

Krupps Dismantling To Be Suspended

London, October 23.

The British Military Administration in Germany has agreed temporarily to suspend dismantling of three Krupps factories at Essen, the Foreign Office spokesman said today.

General Sir Brian Robertson, British Military Governor, made the decision during a recent visit to the Ruhr, the spokesman added.

General Robertson's decision was based on the humanitarian ground that the three factories employ 800 disabled ex-servicemen, the spokesman explained, adding that their ultimate fate will be decided at Government level. —Reuter.

FRENCH STRIKE

Coal Mine Sirens To Summon Aid

Paris, October 24.

Strikers who had barricaded themselves in at the Alouettes pit sounded pit sirens and hoisted the French tricolour flag when troops and police attempted to clear them out today. The Government forces, estimated at 2,000 men, were said to be equipped with tear gas, grenades and firearms.

The strikers at the pit, which is located North West of Lyons, had held about 70 policemen as prisoners overnight. The strikers released their prisoners—gendarmes and Republican security guards—earlier today.

The police reinforcements were massed at the mines during the night. They went into action under the command of General Norbert, the assistant commander of the Dijon military region. Soon after 6.00 p.m., the troops and police had sealed off the Alouettes pithead from the main road and a bridge over a canal leading to the mine.

The approaches to the mine were lit by arc lamps to aid the movement of the troops. While these operations were in progress, the strikers continued to sound the sirens at full blast to summon other strikers to their aid.

Dockers Stop

The France Press Agency said today that one of the two miners reported killed when the

police opened retaliatory fire for the first time at Firminy, near St. Etienne, yesterday, is alive.

The report said that he and another miner were in a serious but not critical condition. Dockers at La Pallice, the new port for La Rochelle on the West coast of France, suspended for 24 hours from this morning the unloading of two Liberty ships with 10,400 tons of imported coal.

They decided to continue loading 3,000 tons of French wheat for Tunisia on a French steamer.

French Communist trade union leaders rallied today to the Government's new measures to beat the 20-day old miners' strike by deciding to seek the support of home and foreign, including British, workers.

Appeal To Workers In Britain

The leaders of the Executive Committee of the General Confederation of Labour said they would call on French workers to show solidarity with the miners by short work stoppages and demonstrations.

They would also ask the World Federation of Trade Unions to appeal to British and American miners, seamen and dockers to show solidarity with the French strikers.

The Government's anti-strike measures—the call-up of 50,000 Reservists and authority for security forces to fire, after warning, if attacked—had already been answered by the Communist-led miners' Federation with "the strike will be carried on more united and more firm than ever."

The Communist Ce Solt reported from St. Etienne, the strike centre, that a police patrol fired "without warning" during the night on a group of strikers pasting up leaflets. One was wounded and four arrested, it said.

The French Socialist Party newspaper, Le Populaire, today approved the Government's "war and shoot" measures, but the Communist L'Humanite said the security guards were now "officially authorised to assassinate the miners."

The Communist Dockers' Union has called a plenary session of its Executive for next Tuesday to consider what steps to take to defend "trade union rights violated by the Government over the miners' strike."

Order Defied

The Marseilles Prefecture today prohibited all public and private meetings in the mining area of the Bouches du Rhone Department.

It was acting under a Cabinet decision last night that Prefects be given the right to prohibit all meetings. No official definition of a "private meeting" was available in Paris at noon today.

Strikers at Forbach, in North Eastern France, held a meeting in a cafe this afternoon despite orders from the Prefect that no public meetings should be held in the district. Members of the Republican security guards, after a short scuffle, broke up the meeting with tear gas bombs. A few people on both sides were slightly injured. —Reuter.

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'EUROPE FIRST' PLAN BAD NEWS FOR PROSPECTS OF CHINA AID

Attempting Too Much?

Cincinnati, October 24. Dr. Felix Mosley, former editor of the Washington Post and former President of Haverford College, said today that the United States is attempting too much in trying to put the financially hard-pressed nations back on their feet.

He warned: "We shall either have to cut our present foreign commitments severely or change our system of Government fundamentally. We are a Republic trying to do the job of an empire. Many other Republics tried to do that, but they ceased to be republics."

United Press.

China To Subsidise Imports?

Nanking, October 24. The Chinese Government was reported today to be considering the appropriation of US\$150,000,000 in foreign exchange to enable manufacturing enterprises to import needed raw materials.

Such imports were intended to ease the prevailing shortage of materials, and commodities would be subjected to one-fifth per cent customs duty when entering the country, it was said.

The plan was said to be one of the essential features of the new measures the Government had just decided and for which final approval of President Chiang Kai-shek was being sought.

Besides helping to revive industrial production, it would net the Government a CY1949 revenue in addition to CY1948, 000,000 to be obtained in return at the official exchange rate.

Reuter.

Japanese Rice Crop Prospects

Tokyo, October 23. The chief of General MacArthur's Natural Resources Section today predicted an improved Japanese rice crop for 1948 and urged farmers to co-operate with the Government in order to replenish the nation's food supply.

He said that despite flood and insect damage in some areas, the estimated 1948 crop would be "slightly larger than the 1947-48 average production."

The sweet potato crop—which the Japanese are receiving as supplementary ration—will be almost double that of the 1931-40 average.

The farmer will have to deliver almost one half of his "record production" to the cities in order to maintain the food rations of the urban communities.

In return the farmer has right to expect supplies of farming implements, clothing, manufactured goods, electric power, fertilizers and other goods.—United Press.

NEWSPRINT FOR BRITAIN

Washington, October 23. The \$5,000,000 grant by the Economic Co-operation Administration to Great Britain for the purchase of 40,000 tons of Canadian newsprint does not represent an increased allocation of newsprint to Britain, it was explained today.

The grant is to reimburse Britain for dollars already spent for Canadian newsprint.—Reuter.

Shanghai, October 23. Revelation that the United States is planning a long-range policy of "containing" of Communism, with China and the rest of the Far East being relegated to a "holding action," was bad news for those who had been looking for increased aid to China.

The report from Paris that Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall was accepting his consideration of Europe first in the "cold war" against Russia, and that Republican Presidential candidate Thomas E. Dewey had agreed, in principle to the plan, brought forth from one source the comment:

"China has been playing a 'holding' part in democracy's battles since 1937. First against the Japanese and now against the Communists. How much longer can China be expected to hold?"

To those who think that Europe is in more danger from Communism than China, I suggest they take a look at the map.

Aside from the military and purely political aspects of the Chinese civil war, the Reds have taken over a vast territory and now rule 70,000,000 people.

Rich Areas

In North China and Manchuria alone an area one-fourth the size of the United States is under Communist control. The area is equal to one-twelfth of all Soviet Russia.

It covers one-sixth of all of China including the remote province of Sinkiang with an area of 633,802 square miles.

All of Manchuria's 400,000 square miles, excepting the narrow salient ranging Southwest from Changchun, is under Red dominance. And even in the corridor, the Government holds only a few cities.

Capture of the Shantung provincial capital of Tsinan has given the Communists control of the entire agricultural and mineral rich area, with the exception of the immediate area around Tsinan where the West Pacific fleet of the U.S. Navy has its headquarters.

Shansi Going?

Except for the cities of Tating and Taiyuan, Marshal Yen Hsi-shan's province of Shansi is under the Communist thumb. They are now applying heavy pressure on

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NY Stock Market

New York, October 24. The best stock market week since the middle of May ended with fractional gains for the Saturday session. The turnover of 680,000 shares was the best Saturday since week-end trading resumed after the summer recess. For the week about 2,600,000,000 US dollars was added to the market value.

Steel, the week's pace, ran into some trouble on Saturday alone with some falls and industrials.

Day's gainers included Caterpillar Tractor, Commonwealth Edison and Republic Steel. Under mill pressure were Republic Steel, Douglas Aircraft, and American Woolen.

Down Jones Averages: stocks 70.79; industrials 120.10; rails 52.24; utilities 85.75.

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